

No. 5391 號一十九百三千五百 日四十二月正年亥乙緒光 HONGKONG, MONDAY, 1st MARCH, 1875. 一拜禮 號一月三英 港香 [PRIOE \$2½ PER MONTH]

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 11 ... 1 bale Merchandise.
 7, 46 ... 1 cask Wine.
 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1875.

the Secretary of the Royal Academy, for
own absolute use and benefit. This will
probably leave a sum of little less
23,000 annually for expenditure in work
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become the possessor of the principal works
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position with the Native Commission, and the Commission of Enquiry into the Customs and Revenue of the Colony. The Foreign Commerce Charge for Advertisements will be published hereafter.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1874.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General
 General Post Office, Hongkong.

Extracts.

A REVERIE.

From wearing hat to bare the fresh air,
And low around him within the wares,
A drink in his hand, he looks at Stanley,
A lonely place, where wandering fancies
Near the shore have made a struggling village
Of huts, rough built with unknown stones, beneath
High rugged cliffs of rocks dark and velvet
With moss, through which the fresh green grass, wild vines
Soft flowers and tender ferns grow gracefully,
And "lambie with soft green the sombre robe
Of the green hills. One carved seat of sand
Winds round the bright clear waves and folds them in,
So to form a quiet resting place.
For the light breeze the waves are set free,
When the rough ripples drive them to the shore,
The willow trees wave and dance on the cooling sea.
Upon the hill some ruined burrows stand,
That once may have been the home of man,
And all that makes this place so wild and free,
And often when the soft night is closing in,
I stand and look down from some rocky height,
And gaze on the lonely scene of the sea,
Borne by the waves of the sea,
The beauty of the lonely scene here and there,
Upon my feet distinctly, old and new,
The challenge falls: A passing note of song:
A laugh—a cry—or some wild chorus
Startles me. Then the shrill bugle wakes the night,
And living echoes ring from hill to hill,
That as I strain to hear the faintest note,
Out of the ether comes the sea's voice,
A sudden silence falls upon the air,
And echoes on from my dreamy reverie.

But for a moment—Then
Mistook that it was music, and a group
Of old men stood concerning music.
A rapid movement—see they concentrate
And gather round a something—some deep down,
Then rising bare away in treble strong arms,
A brother strikes in the place of health,
To leave, close to the slightest sound of sea,
The hospital din. One runs on before,
And two or three fly off for a while,
To wander laughing upon the hill,
And from its crevices a figure in all haste
Towards the group, and with them all
The state that leads them to the dreamy land,
Where all the fever-stricken wild their dream,
Bewilders their hearth, then, those six strong men,
And cause him to sleep as women might,
Nor cast a thought upon the risk they run.
Now black the night descends—white dawn and thick
Frost on the hill gleams the lightning plays,
And each white flash of living fire is seen
Through a fall yellow mist that creeping down
The hillside seems to breathe by moon.
Upon the shore no hunting were breaking
Mosses under no number of mosses, but
To leave by the stagnant air to that place
Wreck; if no thought of home will evermore bring
Joy to him. If once again he wakes from
Out the first moon, each tortoise seems him
That, shivering wildly in his agony,
He prays God for goodness for a speedy death.
And morning breaks, and then they bear away
Over the hill by narrow paths,
A ghastly something that had yesterday
Had been as they were—dead and living.
I marked the last step, the descent below,
The sea bed on the ground, the sand low,
The lips compressed—in every feature
Still depicted—loud lament or wailing keen
Could not have been more terrible than this.
A shuddering horror seized upon me—
I tried to speak—the struggle broke the spell!
What joy to find that I had only dreamt!
Furnishing in my fancy a cause.
For that ill'd century on the hill,
The rain of those hearts that once held life
In what is now a living landscape
From the remembrance that day along with.

Hongkong, March 1st, 1875. FANSTY CHAMBER.

A REVERIE.

(From "Amelia," by Sir Samuel Baker.)

The river is wider than when we last saw it,
But it is much obstructed by small islands,
of reeds and vegetation that have grown in
their descent. I fear we may find the river
choked in many places below stream. No
dependence can ever be placed upon this ac-
cursed river. The fabulous story must be a
sweet rippling brook compared to this horri-
ble creation. A violent wind coming upon
the high waving mass of sugar-cane grass,
may suddenly create a change, sometimes
large masses are detached by the gambols of
a herd of hippopotami, whose rude rambles
during the night break narrow lanes through
the floating plains of water grass, through
which the action of the stream may tear large
masses from the main body.

THE SOUTHERN GOVERNMENT ALIVE.

CONTRACT.

The curtain began to rise, and disclosed
certain facts of which I ought to have been
informed many months ago, when I first
arrived at Khartoum. I heard from Mr.
Higginbotham that the principal trader at
the White Nile (Ago) had a contract with
the government, which gave him the ex-
clusive right of trading throughout certain
distant countries. The area comprised about
ninety thousand square miles. Thus, at the
same time that I was employed by the
Khedive to suppress the slave trade, to
establish commerce, and to annex the Nile
Basin, the White Nile countries that were to
be annexed had already been leased by the
government-general of the Sudan for several
thousand pounds sterling per annum, to-
gether with the monopoly of the ivory trade.

NATIVE VIEW OF ANTI-SLAVERY.

How long are you going to remain here?

He continued, "You had better go
back to Khartoum, and I will eat the
corn you have planted when it becomes ripe."
I explained that Godokoro would be the
head-quarters, and that troops would always
remain there, and we would cultivate a large
extent of corn. He replied, "Then how
does this land belong to you or to me?"
I explained that his people had been driven
out by superior force, and that we had found
it abandoned; at the same time, neither he
nor his people dare remain here without my
protection, therefore the land belonged to
the Khedive of Egypt; but if the natives
wished to re-settle I would give them their
original property.

CENTRAL AFRICAN QUESTION.

Tribute this to the absurd custom of

public night nurseries. According to the
population of the village, there are certain
houses built upon pedestals, or stone sup-
ports, raised high above the ground. In the
day of the year the circular building is a
round hole about a foot in diameter, this is
the only aperture.

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